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II. Jurisdiction of Courts

E. Mode of Acquiring Jurisdiction

1. In General

§ 68. Plaintiff subject to personal jurisdiction by filing action and pleadings

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The court acquires jurisdiction over the plaintiff in an action when the plaintiff invokes its power or action.

The court obtains personal jurisdiction over a plaintiff by the plaintiff's filing of a pleading with the court,¹ which jurisdiction then continues through all stages of the litigation.²

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Footnotes

- 1 Ill.—*People v. Ocon*, 2014 IL App (1st) 120912, 379 Ill. Dec. 616, 7 N.E.3d 42 (App. Ct. 1st Dist. 2014).
Mo.—*Epstein v. Villa Dorado Condominium Ass'n, Inc.*, 316 S.W.3d 457 (Mo. Ct. App. E.D. 2010).

Utah—Weber County v. Ogden Trece, 2013 UT 62, 321 P.3d 1067 (Utah 2013).

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